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The next session will be held with the Flint Ridge Baptist Church, Marshville, N. C., beginning Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1918. Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. J. C. Ellerbee and Bro. Monroe Little.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Morven, N. C., October 17, 1917

The Zion Missionary Baptist Association met in its Forty-fifth Annual Session today with the White Oak Baptist Church of this place, Rev. Joseph Ratliff presiding.

Pursuant to previous arrangement, Rev. J. E. P. Little, accompanied by Rev. J. N. Bennett, filled the stand to preach the introductory sermon.

Rev. Bennett lined hymn No. 423 C. M., "In evil long I took delight," etc.

Rev Little read the Scripture from the Second Book of Moses, called Exodus 33, 1-11 verses. Second hymn No. 581, "My soul be on thy guard." Rev. Little preached the introductory sermon from Exodus 33:14. "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." Subject: "God's presence with us."

The speaker said in part: "We should grow in the likeness of Jehovah our God. Some evidence of his presence with us is that we will continue to do those things which pleases him," etc.

The sermon was fraught with wholesome advice, rich and deep in logic and delivered with much demonstration.

"What a friend we have in Jesus" was effectively sung, led by Rev. J. C. Ellerbee Prayer was offered by Bro. G. W. Baucum. Collection for general expenses amounted to $6.50. Benediction by Rev. J. F. Davis.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order at 2:15 p. m. The praise services were conducted by Rev. T. J. Hicks, as follows: "I will trust in the Lord," was sung. Prayer by Bro. G. W. Little. "Once mine eyes were blinded," etc., and "What a wonderful change in my life since Jesus come into my heart," etc., were sung; after which Rev. Hicks read the Scripture, Ps. 51. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Allen. After singing two verses of S. M. hymn, the praise services were closed.

The Moderator made some timely remarks, in which he enjoyed the Holy Spirit; then announced the house ready for business.

On motion the reading of the letters were deferred.

Churches and delegates were enrolled. See Roll.

The Constitution of the Association was read by the Corresponding Secretary. Amendments were offered as follows: Where the words "delegates and messengers" appears, harmonize them and make the Constitution say one's by Rev. H. I. Quick, to strike out the word "regular" in Art. 3 preceding the word "ministers" by C. C. Horne. Revised Constitution by Bro. A. L. Leak.

On motion we take in consideration the amendments and revision till time for adoption.

An invitation to visitors, to which Rev. Dr. G. W. Watkins, of Charlotte, N. C., and Dr. R. Allen, of Monroe, N. C., were recognized and made remarks. On motion we adjourned. Collection $1.05. Benediction by the Moderator.

EVENING SESSION

The Association re-assembled at 7:30 p. m., with the Moderator presiding.

A very hearty praise service was enjoyed for about 20 minutes; then the Moderator, Rev. J. Ratliff, announced the house ready for business. Bro. W. Y. Henson, in a Christ-like way; spoke to us words of welcome on behalf of the church. Rev. B. J. Parsons in his jovial way, on behalf of the ministry, told us tho' the sands were deep, the paths long, we were welcome.

A timely and a greatly enthusiastic response was rendered by Bro. Julius C. Chambers.

The hour having arrived for the educational sermon, Rev. J. R. Faison, accompanied by Rev. J. F. Davis, took seats in the stand. Rev. Davis lined hymn No. 751. "My life, my God to thee," etc. Rev. Faison read the Scripture from the Acts of Apostles 26th chap.

Prayer by Rev. W. L. Butler. Second hymn, "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire," etc. The Moderator introduced Rev. Faison as speaker of the hour. Rev. Faison arose and sang a verse of "throw out the life line." Afterwards announced as a text Acts 26:19. "Whereupon O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." The speaker said, in part: That Paul was true to his visions to the extent when his life's work was ended he said "I have fought a good fight and have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." The speaker was earnest in his endeavor to impress his audience

with the importance of being on the alert for visions. The sermon was a great one, and made impressions that will be lasting. Rev. Dr. G. W. Watkins led in a fervent prayer of thanksgiving to God for the speaker and for visions. He implored the help of the Master that we, as his followers, and the Missionary Baptist Church as the church of his establishment, may go forward in the redemption of the world. Deacon G. R. West lifted a collection, amounting to $7.05.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Harris came forward to deliver his special message, as he says, to us. He said, in course of his remarks: "The cause of the European war was because the ministry had weakened and the church had its power. We had passed the second seal as related in the 6th chap. of Revelations. This seal is represented by the red horse. If we didn't turn to God, we would eventually go into the third seal and God would wipe us from the face of the earth. He held the audience spell-bound while he was delivering his message. Rev. Dr. F. W. Prince led in prayer. Collection for Bro. Harris, amounted to $13.27. Benediction by Dr. Harris.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order at 10 A. M., Moderator in the chair. Rev. T. J. Hicks conducted a very spiritual praise service. He read the Scripture from the 57th Ps., and made some touching remarks on the same. Prayer by Bro. Dorsey Bennett. "O where shall rest be found" was sung; after which the Moderator announced the house ready for business.

On motion the proceedings of yesterday and last night were read and approved.

The letters from the various churches were read.

The various committees were appointed. (See Roll.)

The Corresponding Secretary made report. On motion the report be received and adopted.

Rev. B. B. Sturdivant, Treasurer, made his annual report. (See report.) Report received and adopted.

One verse of "There is a rest for the weary" was sung. Dr. G. W. Watkins came before the Association and discussed the work done by the State Convention. He took this opportunity to assure the subscribers that hereafter the Union Reformer would come regular. Afterwards he addressed himself to the subject of

World-Wide Idea of Christianity. He said, a church whose religion is no larger than the walls of its individual church is not worthy of the name church. Africa and Haiti are calling to us for help. The speech was one of telling effect. Collection for State work $20.50. Benediction by Dr. Watkins.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled. Religious services were conducted by Bro. G. W. Little. Prayer by Rev. J. N. Bennett.

The house was announced ready for business.

Bro. R. J. Beverly, Chairman of the Trustee Board, made remarks along the educational line as done at Zion Academy and its need. He said we had a good school at Zion Academy. We had co-opperated for a term of three years. The building needed repairing—needed covering. It will take about $150.00 to do the work. Hope the Association would make some arrangement to have the work done at once. If we fail to keep up the repairs, the building would come back to our hands greatly delapidated. At the conclusion of his remarks, he introduced Rev. J. D. Moats, who spoke very eloquently along educational lines.

Committee on Education made its report. Report received and adopted. See report.

Miss M. H. Demby, of Boston, Mass., was introduced and sang a solo and a selection.

Rev. J. W. Diggs lifted a collection, amounting to $2.25.

The Association closed with benediction by Rev. J. R. Faison.

EVENING SESSION

The Association re-assembled. Praise services conducted by Rev. J. C. Ellerbee, as follows: Hymn S. M., was sung. Prayer by Bro. Levander Medley. "Am I a soldier of the cross" was sung. Prayer by Rev. W. K. Bennett.

Rev. T. J. Hicks, accompanied by Revs. H. I. Quick and J.

W. Hawkins, took seats in the stand. Rev. Quick lined hymn No. 821, "How beautious are their feet," etc.

Rev. Hawkins read the Scripture from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 8:1-14 verses, and led in prayer. Second hymn No. 8:20. "Go preach my Gospel saith the Lord," etc.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Hicks to preach the missionary sermon. Rev. Hicks announced as a text Second Corinthians 8:9, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Subject: "Equality." The speaker endeavored to show that Christ, in his birth, life and death, demonstrated a sympathetical spirit. The sermon was one of power, and was delivered with a manifestation of the spirit. "There is rest for the weary" was sweetly rendered, after which Rev. J. J. Hines led us to a throne of grace in prayer.

Collection for Associational work $15.06. Mrs. L. R. Poindexter, of Winston-Salem, N. C., was introduced; came forward and spoke in behalf of the Orphan's Home at Winston. After the speech, Rev. J. C. Ellerbee lifted the collection for the Orphan's Home, amount $17.07.

Miss Demby again favored us with a rendition of two solos and a selection, "Since Jesus came into my heart."

Collection for Miss Demby $2.00.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled at 9:30 a. m. Praise services conducted by Bro. David Biles as follows: "O for a closer walk with God," etc. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Ellerbee. Bro. Biles read the 37th chapter of Genesis 3-23. Prayer by Bro. J. C. Chambers.

Praise services being ended, the Moderator took the chair and laid out the work for the day; after which he announced the house ready for business.

On motion the proceedings of yesterday and last night were read and approved.

The following committees made report: Executive Board, on New Bodies, on Condition and State of Country, on Officers, on Obituary. See Appendix for their reports.

A letter from sister Lottie Simons was read and referred to Committee on Appropriation.

The subject of "Courageous Testimony for Christ Brings its Own Reward," was discussed, 1st. In eternity, by Rev. B. B. Sturdivant. 2nd, In this life in the illuminating presence and help of the Holy Spirit, by Rev. H. I. Quick.

The speakers did credit both to themselves and the occasion.

Rev. J. J. Hines was called on, and in a happy mood, responded to the subject and bore the fraternal greetings of the Pee Dee Association.

Bro. R. T. Sellers lifted the collection, amounting to $10.50.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled, the Moderator in the chair. Rev. Quick lined hymn, "Father, I stretch my hands to thee," &c. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Hawkins.

The Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

Rev. T. B. Justice, Pastor of the Baptist Church, (white) of Morven, Mr. M. L. Ham, Cashier of the Bank of Morven, and Mr. E. L. Griggs, were introduced to the Moderator.

The Moderator in turn introduced Rev. Mr. Justice, who spoke to us on the great war subject.

He said he liked to speak to an audience like ours. He was familiar with our race of people. He paid a high tribute to his lamented colored nurse. In discussing the war question he said in part, "There is no country like ours; no Constitution like ours; for when the ground, once dedicated as the last resting place of the dead, our Constitution forbids any one of disturbing that peaceful dust. In other countries men have fallen at the word of the King. Not so in our country. The Germans are endeavoring to break down the government of religion. We want to fight them

on the other side of the sea. The government needs your help. We want you to subscribe to Liberty Bonds. Stand by the men in the trenches.

Mr. Ham followed with a few words of explanation of the Liberty Bonds, and urged us to buy.

In token of our appreciation of these gentlemen, the Association turned a rising vote of thanks to them for their kindness and helpfulness.

"What a fellowship" was sung by the congregation.

Finance Committee made their report, which showed there had been raised from all sources $415.03. Report received.

Committee on Appropriation reported, which showed $233 had been paid out. Report adopted.

On motion all monies paid out from the Association hereafter will be by donation through the Board. The Association closed to meet with Flint Ridge next year.

Benediction by Rev. B. B. Sturdivant.

REV. J. RATLIFF,
Moderator.

A. L. LEAK, Clerk

APPENDIX

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The year rolls around and steals away
The health that first it gave,
What'ere we do, wher'er we stray,
We're traveling to the grave.

Bro. Moderator and Brethren :—Since the adjournment of our last session the government systems of this world have realized an unprecidented disturbance. Even our own dear country has fell into the collapse. Diplomatic severances and a state of war is declared against autocracy and its allies.

It behooves us to be as true as steel to any assistance that we can render our country. In the meantime having our ears open to the call of Providence, and our eyes lifted upon the field, with the sycle in our hand, ready for the Master's service.

We are sure that he who said, "The gate of hell shall not prevail against the church," will keep His watchful eye against any encrouchment upon it. Remembering that behind a frowning Providence He hides a smiling face. The following is the report of our work during the past year.

On the thirtieth of December 1916, Board met in the Union Meeting at Rockford W. and ordained Rev. J C Collins to the Gospel Ministry. On the eleventh of February, 1917, a number of the the Board met at Ramah Grove and ordained Rev James Diggs to the full work of the Gospel ministry.

On the eigth of May we were called to Elizabeth M. for the purpose of setting Rev. I. S. A. Hilliard to the full work of the ministry.

Bro Monroe Little being recommended to be a very studious young man; of high tone morals, and anxious for an education, whose mother is a faithful, but a poor widow, and also his application is in the ministerial department of Tuskeegee Institute, Tuskeegee, Ala., we recommend that this Association donate to him as much as possible to help him get to the school and started into work.

Respectfully submitted. Executive Board

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts—Balance brought forward		$ 14.95
Received from Finance Committee		329.38
Total,		$344.33
Disbursements—Cashed orders at last Association,	Amount	$199.29
Jan. 4, Order No. 19, J R Faison,	Salary,	15.00
July 9, Order No. 20, G W Baucum, Farm School		100.00
Total,		$314.29
Balance in the Treasury		$30.04

B B STURDIVANT, Treasurer

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Bro. Moderator and Members of this August Body :—It is indeed a great pleasure to indulge ourselves in the pleasure of meeting in this great Baptist Missionary Association, after having passed through the period of the last year, which year has marked many changes in our lives; such as we have never seen before. In the foreign lands, many homes have been wrecked by the clash of arms, and others by the mutilating process of the irony will of the great Kaiser, whose mind is pregnated with greed and demonology. He is the god of the Central powers.

We know that might will succumb to right, but we trust that our God, who sleeplessly looks on, will hasten the time when the noise of muttering cannon will be silenced, when the submarines will be turned into ships of commerce, and when the last vestage of the demonical form of monarchal government—both State and Church—will be replaced with a Democratical form of State and Church government—then universal peace will come.

We call this a great Convention because of the fruits it has borne for years. Again we call it great because of its large body of Christian workers and of the other Missionary Baptist Associations, which this one has helped in their organization.

We, as workers, have come to report our stewardship for what has been entrusted in our hands for the past year. Have we been true to our trust? Have we so manipulated our time, talents, and resources in a way that we are ready to hear, with anxious hearts, the applaudit well done, or have left the sheaves ungathered and wasted upon the plains ? Our reports will tell.

We note with pleasure the efficient church work that is being done by our ministers as to preaching the Gospel and the saving of souls in their immediate bounds of church work.

Missions.—It is true that we have an independent form of church government, but we should not abuse this independency.

Now brother ministers, with due respect toward your calling, and with the high appreciation by which I hold you in my confidence, and also to my brother messengers, it pains to say it, but it's true : It is appalling to see the meager sums of money that is reported in our annual gatherings. This ought not to be so.

To be Missionary Baptists in the true sense of the word. we must eliminate this narrowness of having the 25ct. and 50ct. Missionary Church,

Brethren—this great number of nearly 4,000 church goers must be mobilized for Christ, prove ourselves worthy of the great cause which we represent.

I would urge that we get a more proficient arrangement in our churches to raise missionary money. I would recommend the organization of the churches into working bodies, so each member can feel his responsibility, and by this and other means, a good bit of mission money can be utilized. This fact has been clearly demonstrated in some of our churches.

We recommend further: That we renew our interest in Shaw University. We are dependent upon it to a greater part for our professional men, especially the prepared ministers.

Let us go to work with untiring zeal to help foster the cause of this school by giving a donation each year, especially to the theological department and encouraging our Young Ministers to avail themselves of the opportunities to attend as much as possible this good School.

We further recommend that we learn of our Estrangement to Zion Academy. This is the center of our educational work in Zion field as to the preparation of our rural school teachers; let the enlargement of the plant and the support thereof enter into our church work, and let us further support the school by giving it patronage.

We recommend that Zion field stand loyally by our Executive Board

It would greatly enhance the work if your humble servant could get in closer touch with the church clerks of our association and with them and the official board we would be able to help you in your church work.

I pray the Lord for a willing mind to do my part to foster his cause and to help to establish his kingdom upon earth among men, so when the last fleeting breath shall be extinct I can say like David:- "Yea though I walk through the valley and shadow of death, I fear no evil for thou art with me, thy rod and staff they comfort me."

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. BAUCUM,

Cor. Sec.

COMMITTEES' REPORT

On New Bodies--We, your Committee on New Bodies, beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the orthodox and the organization of Chambers' Grove Church of Marshville, N. C., finding that it was regular organized July 28, 1917, and that Rev. E. H. Horne has been chosen pastor, and is now the pastor for the insuing year; therefore we recommend that the church become a member of this body, and its delegates be allowed to enroll in this Association.

Respectfully submitted, Committee

On Place--We, your Committee on Place, beg leave to make the following report: We recommend that the next Association be held with the Flint Ridge Baptist Church, 4 miles south of Marshville, N. C., Rev. J. C. Ellerbee and Bro. Monroe Litttle to preach the introductory sermon.

Respectfully yours, Committee.

On Obituary—We, your Committee on Obituary, submit the following report: Whereas, God in his own wise way, has taken from our bounds Rev. A. D. Marshall, one of Zion's ministers, whose work and labors will not soon be forgotten, who died in the full triumph of the Gospel faith, and host of others No. 53, whose life work and worth to their individual church is better known. Therefore let us strive to imulate their good examples.

We recommend that we bow to Him who doeth all things well. Peace to his ashes.

Respectfully submitted, yours, Committee

On State and Condition of the Country—The Committee on the State and Condition of the Country, beg leave to submit the following report:

1st. We wish to state that the country is in a splendid condition spiritually. It means that the churches have taken on new life, and is exerting an influence for good, such as she has never done before. Therefore, be it resolved, first, that the ministers, deacons and the entire church membership unite their efforts with a renewed energy to further extend the Master's Kingdom on earth and to lift up fallen humanity.

We recommend second, That whereas, we are living in a progressive age, an age which is calling for strong young men and women, morally, intellectually and spiritually; therefore be it

Resolved, That the proper attention and encouragement be given to the rising youths of our race, that they might find their way to the various secondary schools of the State and thence to Shaw University, and there prepare themselves for service and usefulness in life. Third, to our regret we call up in mind the deplorable condition of our country, which is engaged in a bloody conflict, and God only knows what will be final outcome. Our sons are being called on to leave their homes and friends and go to a strange land to contend with the enemy in battle, Therefore be it resolved, that we encourage them to be loyal to the Stars and Stripes, and as they go trusting in the God of the universe that said, "All power is in my hand; I can destroy and I can defend."

Respectfully yours, Committee.

On Resolutions —We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas, we are living in a progressive age; an age where men and women must be prepared to meet the demands of the times, and knowing that Zion Academy affords a great opportunity to educate our boys and girls, be it resolved that we co-operate with the Trustee Board and renew our efforts to support Zion Academy. We further recommend that each pastor urge his people to do more for local education. We further recommend that each church do more for aged ministers.

Knowing that the atheist is depending on the ministry to preach the Gospel here and send it where it is not, be it resolved, that we take up the work of missions with our people. We recommend further, that each pastor ask his members to pay 50c. each per year for missions, and that the name of each one, who pay from 25c. to 50c., be placed in the Minutes. Whereas, since we have been here, the pastor, members and friends of this community have really entertained us, and we have felt the influence of welcome everywhere.

We pray God's choicest blessings on these broad-hearted people; and may this pastor and people live long to do service for the Master. We recommend that this Association turn a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality shown us while here.

Respectfully submitted Committee.

Deep Creek is left off in the financial and statistical tables; also in the list of churches and delegates. This was done because she failed to come up to the financial requirements of the field, and failed to give reasons why as required by Constitution. This was, after consulting the judicious brethren, and with regret. We hope the church will take its affairs in hand and see that it is properly represented.

RECAPITULATION OF REPORTS

Number of churches reported	34
Number of ordained ministers	38
Number of converts baptized	284
Total membership	4,333
Net gain	219
Given to missions	92.44
Given to education	375.00
Given to aged ministers	13,90
Miscellaneous	386,88
Church expenses	6,945.18
Value of church property	39,367.00
Value of school property	6,000.00

On Education—Whereas, we, your Committee on Education, see the great need of giving more support to our school work, Whereas, as we see such a great need of education, Resolved 1st, We recommend that there be a dollar rally at the next Association for education.

2nd. We recommend that each pastor and delegate on returning home, speak of the school work & solicit students for the ensuing terms.

Respectfully submitted, Committee.

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	Representation in U. M.	Special Appropriation	Missions	G. E.	Balance Due on Dormitory	Balance Due on Special A.
Bethel	G A Richardson, Route 2, Norwood, N C.	2 00				11 25	10
Brown Creek	C R Smith, Route 7, Marshville, N. C.	2 00				33 60	3 38
Cedar Creek	J. P. Phillips, Route A, Wadesboro, N C	2 00				71 77	10
Chilson Grove	James Diggs, Lilesville, N C	2 00				7 20	1 30
Chambers' Grove	D Ashcraft, Route 3, Marshville, N C						
Cool Springs	W C Melton, Route 1, Morven, N C	1 00				110 34	9 55
Deep Creek	J P Huntley, Route 7, Marshville, N C	2 00				7 75	65
Ebenezer	G W Crowder, Wadesboro N C	2 00				22 07	
Elizabeth M.	J Q Robinson, Monroe, N C	2 00			50	7 55	
Elizabeth P. D.	Miss M J Robinson, Route 1, Pee Dee, N C	2 00		50		23 25	
Fletcher's Grove	Miss Essie Stevenson, Route 1, McColl, S C	2 00				33 20	
Flint Ridge	O L Tanner, Route 2, Peachland, N C	2 00				10 00	
Friendship	W M Nivens, Monroe, N C						
Madison Grove	A L Leak, Route A, Box 52, Wadesboro, N C	2 00				16 00	52
Meltonsville	K D Crowder, Route 7, Marshville, N C	2 00	1 00			114 90	
McLain Grove	Cyrus Ratliff, Route 1, McFarlan, N C	2 00				13 75	1 40
Mt. Zion	F D Sturdivant, Wadesboro, N C	2 00				8 50	
New Zion	J R Alsobrooks, Peachland, N C	2 00				24 50	68
New Grove	M P Bennett, Route 1, Box 17, Polkton, N C	2 00	1 50			28 50	2 13
Nicy Grove	G W Ashcraft, Route 1, Marshville, N C	2 00				9 75	
Long Pine	S A Covington, Route 1, Box 35, Ruby, S C					3 25	
Olive Branch	J R Alexander, Route 2, Marshville, N C					104 75	4 53
Parsons' Grove	A D Byrd, Lilesville, N C	2 00				8 75	77
Pleasant Hill	J M Pratt, Route 1, Morven, N C	1 00		50		17 00	1 98
Poplar Hill	Moses Tillman, Route 7, Marshville, N C	2 00				35 90	1 97
Poplar Springs	W E Davis, Route 2, Polkton, N C	2 00				33 75	1 00
Ramah Grove	Q S Sturdivant, Route ___, Chesterfield, S C	2 00				36 00	
Rockford E.	S S Bennett, Box 131, Wadesboro, N C	2 00		99		39 25	
Rockford W.	E M Tillman, Route 1, Box 133 A, Wadesboro, N C	2 00				33 10	
Sandy Ridge	M P Waring, Route 2, Morven, N C	2 00				12 85	
Saron	R B McCoy, Polkton, N C	2 00				15 75	1 30
Shankle Grove	A D Davis, Shankler's, N C	2 00				27 05	
Timmonsville	F K Sellers, Chesterfield, S C	2 00				21 19	
White Oak	R C Cox, Morven, N C	2 00					

RULES OF DECORUM

1st. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorum in the Association. Of him punctuality and vigilance are particularly required. He shall open and close the Association with prayer to God or call on some brother to perform the service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof and decide questions between contending claims. He may require motions to be presented in writing whenever he deems necessary.

2nd. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members, minute the proceedings of the body, and discharge such duties as belonging to a Recording Secretary.

3rd. The members of the Association observe the respect to the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence that Great Being whose cause they should labor to promote. All invectives should be carefully avoided while speaking, and those who are speaking should refrain from all such indiscorous conduct that is calculated to throw odium on the speaker or to interrupt his chain of thoughts or feeling, or in any way disturb the peace of the Association. No person may withdraw from the Association without permission from the Moderator. Let all things be done decently and in order.

4th. No member of a committee shall be considered in order who, while said committee's report is under discussion by the house, shall take the negative side of the report.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The primary object of this Association shall be to increase the spirit and efficiency of the churches; to support the Gospel in destitute places among us; to assist the churches in the erection of suitable buildings for worship; to organize churches and Sunday Schools whenever practicable; to raise contributions for State, Home and Foreign Missions; and to co-operate with the Union Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in all of its plans of Educational and Missionary work.

Art 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist Churches in good standing, and in full practice of the faith, discipline, ordinances, and of the doctrine of regular Baptist denomination. Also of the regular ministers in good standing in the churches in the bounds of this Association, and Messengers elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, an Auditor, an Executive Committee of seven, and an Ordaining Board. The Moderator, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute three members of the Executive Committee. These officers shall be elected annually and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings or call some brother to fill the chair, and enforce order in accordance with the Rules of Decorum and Constitution. He shall settle points of order; give the casting vote in case of a tie, and appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered by the body.

Art. 6. The Recording Secretary shall perform the usual duties belonging to such office. He shall sign all orders drawn on the Treasurer.

Art. 7. Corresponding Secretary shall take charge of all the Correspondence between this Association and other bodies. All communications and appeals to the various churches of this field shall be sent by him. He shall be ex-officio Secretary to the Executive Committee.

Art. 8. The Treasurer of this Association shall be Treasurer of the Union Meeting. He shall hold all monies and valuable papers belonging to this Association. He shall pay orders only when they are properly drawn and signed by the Moderator and Secretary. He shall give an annual report to this body, preceded by an examination and endorsement of the Auditor. He shall give bond to the full security of the Associational property in his hand.

Art. 9. The Executive Committee shall have full charge of the Association when it is not in session. They shall draw the plans of opperation for the field approved by the Association. All claims on the Treasury of this body must be presented to the Executive Committee. They shall meet as often as called together by the Corresponding Secretary and Moderator, and shall make full report of their work to the Association through the Corresponding Secretary. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 10. The Ordaining Board shall have the supervision of the Ecclesiastical department of the Association. They shall examine all applicants for ordination, and pass on the credentials of all members of this body. All requests for ministerial aid from this Association must be recommended by the Ordaining Board. The funds coming up to this Association for aged ministers shall be divided between such brethren as are recommended by the Ordaining Board.

Art. 11. Any regular Baptist Church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of seven (7) cents per capita for each of its members. (Said seven cents is also the representation fee into the various Union Meetings). Two-fifths of which shall be used for general expenses, and Three-fifths for local education, and by raising money for missions. Any church failing to come up to the financial requirements of the Association shall not be considered in good standing and not allowed to enroll 'till satisfaction is rendered to this body by such church.

Art. 12. New constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other deliberative bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Association by sending their messengers to an annual meeting with letters of petition, and agreeing to the declarations of principles laid down in God's word.

Art. 13. The members, convened in this Association, shall have no ecclesiastical or disciplinary power over the churches.

Art. 14. The Association shall meet annually and be composed of not more than three messengers from each church, with a letter, giving the condition of the church. Said meeting to convene on Wednesday before the third Lord's day in October at eleven o'clock A. M. with an introductory sermon, and continue in session until business is completed. The Union Meeting shall meet on Friday before each fifth Sunday or as often as may deem practiable; and should there fail to be a place for Union Meeting at the session, the Executive Committee shall find a location and notify the field immediately through the Corresponding Secretary.

Art. 15. No difficulty between churches or church shall be heard by this Association until Gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

Art. 16. Any church a member of this body that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim ii, and it persists in its course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the Minutes. Any church failing to represent by letter or messengers two consecutive years, shall be visited by suitable admonition, and if it neglects to represent the third year, it shall be dropped from this Association.

Art. 17. All visiting ministers shall be welcomed to seats among us, but not allowed to vote.

Art. 18. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Provide such amendments shall be submitted on the first day of the sitting of the Association, and adopted on a subsequent day.

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Incidential Expenses	Building or Repairs	Representing Fees	Poor	State Missions	HomeMissions	ForeignMis'ns	Misisterial Education	Local Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	Total Contributions	Amount Sent to Association	Value of Church Property
Bethel	$ 50.00	$ 2.00	$	$ 2.00	1.00	.10	.10	.10		.70	.10		55.10	$ 2.70	$ 550.00
Brown Creek	125.00	3.07		7.85	5 40	.50		.25			1 00	53.00	199.19	9.70	1250.00
Cedar Creek	80.00			4.10	4.95	.50	3.50	.25		.50	.50		90.30	5.35	1700.00
Chilson Grove	60.00	9.00		1.65	2.00			1.50		.35			74.00	3.35	500.00
Cool Spring	24.00			.35	.25	.25	.25	.25		.50	.50	.50	26.85	2.85	
Elizabeth M.	490.00	86.62	192.50	11.00	27.75	1.00	1.00	1.00		6.85	1.00	12.25	1377.36	21 85	2700.00
Elizabeth P. D.	83.92	.45	89.70	1.90	1.75			1.50		2.67	.50		184.29	5.07	700.00
Ebenezer	164.61	48.91	14.00	1.90	6.00		2.00		.25	.50			414.85	12.40	1000.00
Fletcher's Grove	250.00	5.00	65.00	5.00	10.00	1 00		1 00	.50	.25	.25	20.00	303.75	5.75	1500.00
Flint Ridge	130.74	2.60	10.80	7.85	4,80		2.00	.50			1.00	7.90	172.09	9 85	1200.00
Friendship	300.00	50.00	200.00	4.25	25.00	5 00	20 00	1.00	.25	1.00	2 00		608.25	6 25	1500.00
Long Pine	100.00	30.40	2.20	3.55	.40	1.00	.75	2.00	2.00	2.02	.65		142.22	9.47	1000.00
Madison Grove	96.12	5.85		4.30	.95	1.79	1.79	1.80		5.00	.25	29.62	149.49	14.93	2000.00
Meltonsville	200.00		5.80	25 30	4 00		.35	1,80			1.10	30.00	318.55	26.75	1200.00
McLain's Grove	108.40	15.00		2.50	1.00	.50	.50	.50	.25	1.00	.50		130.90	6.50	1500.00
Mt. Zion		3.25	26.92	2.70	6.15	.25	.25	1.00		1.00	.50	2.25	294.27	5.20	1000.00
New Zion	110.00	16.64	150.00	5.55	4.50	.50	.50			1.00	1.00		228.95	8.55	500.00
New Grove	100.00	3.78		5.10	2.63	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.50		114.91	6.90	842.50
Nicy Grove	120.00	1.30	127.09	7.30	6.60	.50	12.79	2.00	.25	1.00	.25	6.96	352.11	11.30	1500.00
Olive Branch	61.30	2.20		1.15	4.00	2.72	1 80	2.51		1 02	.50		73.17	2.67	400.00
Parsons Grove	218.00	249.98		20.70	4.37	1.00	.50	1.00		2.00	1.00		383.00	25.00	3500 00
Pleasant Hill	70.00			2 70	2.50	.50			.25	.25		1.00	79.65	3.45	500 00
Poplar Hill	75.00		10.00	4.70	14.20		2.30	.10	.25	.50	.25		107 50	5 55	300.00
Poplar Springs	125.00	24.32	43.28	8.15	6 70			.25	.25		.25	7.75	207.83	8.65	1500.00
Ramah Grove	130.00	5.00	8.50	8.55	4 00	.50	.25			.50	.50	25.00	179.85	10.55	1500.00
Rockford E.	80.00	37.18		8.30	.50	.75	1.78	.50	.25	2.25	.25		129.57	14.33	1700.00
Rockford W.	150.00	236.66		10.40	10.75	1.50	2.24	1.00	.25	2.25	1.00		415.00	16 49	1500.00
Sandy Ridge	130.00	2.50		10.12	5.00	.50		.25	1.50	.75	.75		155 26	7.30	2000.00
Saron	125.00	8.00	18.00	5.18	3 10	.25	.25	50	.25	.25	.50	2.00	175.08	5.10	1000.00
Shankle Grove	150.00	20.00	15.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.50		.50	.50	2.00	199.50	4 00	1000.00
Timmonsville	141.26	2.00		1.00	4.80	.50	.25	.25		.15	.20		158.55	6.15	1000.00
White Oak	125.00	15.00	37.80	10.00	6.20	.50	.50	.25	.25	1.50	.50		213.17	9.45	1325.00
Chambers' Grove	50.00	2.00		25	1.20		.25	.25	.25	.50	.25		58.90	2.20	

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHUCHES	PASTORS AND THEIR P. O. FOR 1918.	Sabbath of Preaching	Baptised	Rec'd by Let'r	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Membership	Net Gain	Net Loss	Ord. Ministers	Lic. Preachers
Bethel	Rev. J. W. Diggs, Route 1, Pee Dee, N C	3					2	1	40				
Brown Creek	" J. E P. Little, Route 1, Wadesboro, N C	3	10	3			13	3	157	4		2	3
Cedar Creek	" B. J. Parsons, Route A, Wadesboro, N C	1	4	2	3	3	4		82	2			
Chilson Grove	" J. W. Diggs, Route 1; Pee Dee, N C	4	1	2	1			1	33	2			1
Cool Springs	" D. C. Spencer, Route 1, Morven, N C	4							[illegible]				
Ebenezer	" T. J. Hicks, Laurinburg, N C	2	3	3	2				38	8		5	2
Elizabeth M.	" T. J. Hicks, Laurinburg, N C	1'3'4	20	25	3			5	220	43		4	1
Elizabeth P. D.	" J. F. Davis, Route 1, Wingate, N C	2	6			2			38	6		1	1
Fletchers' Grove	" W. H. Horne, Route 1, Morven, N C	1'3	8				5	5	100		25		2
Flint Ridge	" B. B. Sturdivant, Box 53, Polkton, N C	2	11	3	4	13	7	2	157	5		2	
Friendship	" J. W. Hawkins, Salisbury, N C	2'4	5	2			2		85	5		1	1
Madison Grove	" W. K. Bennett, Cheraw, S C	4	4		3		1	2	86	2			
Meltonsville	" J. E. P. Little, Route 1, Wadesboro, N C	4	20		2	1	15	7	506		27	6	5
McLain's Grove	" W. L. Butler, Wadesboro, N C	1	3	1		5	15	1	50		15		3
Mt. Zion	" J. C. Ellerbee, Box 215, Morven, N C	4	8			1	6	3	54	2			
New Zion	" B. J. Parsons, Route A, Wadesboro, N C	3	8		4	1	4	1	111	6			1
New Grove	" W. K. Bennett, Cheraw. S C	1	2	1	7	1	2	3	102	1			2
Nicy Grove	" J. C. Ellerbe, Box 215. Morven, N C	1	13	1	3		10	1	146	5			
Long Pine	" J. C. Ellerbee, Box 215, Morven, N C	3	7			1	3		71	3		1	
Olive Branch	" J. F. Davis, Route 1, Wingate, N C	3	4	2		1			23	6			1
Parsons Grove	" ---------- ---------- ----------	1	19		2		3	8	414	10		2	1
Pleasant Hill	" J. F. Davis, Route 1, Wingate, N C	1	14	6	2	2			54	20			3
Poplar Hill	" J.C.Chambers Route 1, Box 17, Marshville, N C	3	5		3			1	94	7		1	3
Poplar Springs	" J. E. P. Little. Route 1, Wadesboro, N C	2	11	1	2		1		163	6		1	
Ramah Grove	" B. J. Parsons, Route A, Wadesboro, N C	2	13		2	2	3		171	11		2	1
Rockford E.	" J. E. P. Little, Route 1, Wadesboro, N C	1	3		5	3	6	3	166		1	3	2
Rockford W.	" J. C. Ellerbee, Box 215, Morven, N C	2	9	2			1	4	215	6		1	
Sandy Ridge	" B. B. Sturdivant, Box 53, Polkton, N C	3	4		3		5		101	2		2	1
Saron	" ---------- ---------- ----	2	2	2	2		2	1	62	3			2
Shankle Grove	" W. H. Horne, Route 1, Morven, N C	2	6				5	1	60			1	3
Timmonsville	" B. B. Sturdivant, Box 53, Polkton, N C	1	8		2	1	20	2	96		23		
White Oak	" B. J. Parsons, Route A. Wadesboro, N C	4	7					1	120	7		3	1
Chambers' Grove	" E. H. Horne, Route 1, Box 16, Marshville. N C	2	20	4					24	24			

MINISTERS AND DEACONS' UNION

Morven, N. C. Oct. 16, 1917

The Ministers and Deacons' Union met with the White Oak Church on the above date at 7:30 p. m. Rev. G. T. Tanner presiding. Rev. Tanner read John 17:1-20 and Bro. Frank Sturdivant led in prayer and after some preleminary remarks the President announced the house open for business.

At which time an invitation was extended to visiting brethren to which Rev. J. D. Motes responded. After which Rev. J. T. Ratliff came forward and read a paper on the Spiritual progress of church work to which Rev. W. H. Horne responded with fitting words, and Bro. C. C. Horne being absent Bro. A. L. Leak spoke on the temporality of church work. He spoke of many dangers that are to be feared in both temporal and spiritual work. After which a number of brethren spoke on both phases of the subject. Collection $2.26. Benediction by Rev. Joe Ratliff.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION

The Union re-assembled, the Pres. presiding. The Choir rendered music. Rev. J. D. Motes led in prayer and we again praised God S. M. On motion we hear the proceedings of the evening session, which was read and approved. After which there were many remarks made along the Baptistic line. At which time Rev. Dr. R. Allen of Yadkin and Philadelphia Associasion came forward and received a hand of welcome and made remarks.

Collection for the session	$6.36
For the President	1.00
" " Secretary	1.00
Balance	4.36

Mrs. L. R. Poindexter of the Orphan's Home at Winston-Salem, N. C. came forward and made some brief remarks of her work at the Orphan Home. On motion we adjourn to meet again on Tuesday night after the 2nd. Sunday in Oct. 1918 at 7.30.

Benediction by Rev. R. Allen.

Rev. G. T. Tanner President
Rev. J. T. Ratliff Secretary
Bro. T. J. Bivens Treasurer

Brought forward from last meeting $5.93. Total amount in Treas, $10.29.

RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS IN UNION MEETINGS

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Received by Representing Fee,	$60.00	
" by Public Collections,	39.47	
" for Missions,	1.00	
" for Girls' Education,	.50	
" on Special Appropriations,	3.49	
Brought forward from last year,	10.36	
Total, - - -		$114.82

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To Moderator for services,	3.20	
To Secretary for services,	4.00	
To Sexton for services,	1.00	
To J. R. Faison, on Salary at Z. A.,	53.75	
To New Zion Church, Donation,	4.50	
To Mt. Zion Church, Donation,	10.35	
To Rockford W. Church, Donation,	2.00	
To Mrs. Lena Diggs, Donation,	1.00	
To C.L.Leak, Special Appropriation, Donation,	3.49	
To Elizabeth P. D. Church, Donation,	2.00	
To J. F. Davis, for Missions & Girls' Ed'tion,	2.50	
To Insurance Premiums on Z. A.	27.03	
Total, - -		114.82

REV. B. J. PARSONS, Moderator
REV. J. T. RATLIFF, Sec'y
BRO. A. L. LEAK, Treasurer

ON FINANCE

CHURCHES	Rep. Fee	Missions	Ministerial Ed.	Aged Minist's	Local Educ't'n	Poor	Total
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